

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) A laundry detergent composition comprising an organic surfactant comprising from 3 to 30% of linear alkylbenzene sulphonate, and a hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone polymer which is a copolymer having a vinyl pyrrolidone backbone and pendant hydrophobic side chains comprising alkyl chains containing from 4 to 20 carbons wherein the pendant hydrophobic side chains of the copolymer are derived from a vinyl ester of the general formula I:



wherein R^1 is a linear or branched alkyl group having from 6 to 10 carbon atoms, atoms the polymer being present in an amount effective to improve detergency and/or antiredeposition.

Claim 2: (Cancelled)

Claim 3: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer contains from 10 to 90 mole% of vinyl pyrrolidone units and from 10 to 90 mole% of hydrophobic comonomer units.

Claims 4 -6: (Cancelled)

Claim 7: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 6, wherein in the general formula I R^1 is a group of the formula II



wherein R² is a linear alkyl group having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and R³ is a methyl or ethyl group.

Claim 8: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer contains units derived from vinyl 2-ethylhexanoate.

Claim 9: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymer contains from 90 to 99.5 wt% of vinyl pyrrolidone monomer units and from 0.5 to 10 wt% of vinyl 2-ethylhexanoate monomer units.

Claim 10: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which contains from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 4 wt%, of the hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone polymer.

Claim 11: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises:

- (a) from 5 to 60 wt%, preferably from 10 to 40 wt%, of organic surfactant,
- (b) optionally from 5 to 80 wt%, preferably from 10 to 60 wt%, of detergency builder,
- (c) from 0.5 to 5 wt%, preferably from 1 to 4 wt%, of the hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone polymer,
- (d) optionally other detergent ingredients to 100 wt%.

Claim 12: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1 with a pH of from 7.0 to 11.0, preferably 7.5 to 10.5.

Claim 13: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the organic surfactant (a) comprises a sulphonate anionic surfactant.

Claim 14: (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 13, wherein the organic surfactant (a) comprises linear alkylbenzene sulphonate.

Claim 15: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 14, wherein contains from 3 to 30 wt%, preferably from 10 to 25 wt%, of linear alkylbenzene sulphonate.

Claim 16: (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 5 to 80 wt%, preferably from 10 to 60 wt%, of detergency builder selected from the group consisting of sodium tripolyphosphate, zeolites, sodium carbonate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17: (Currently Amended) Use of a hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone copolymer to improve A method of improving the detergency and/or antiredeposition of a laundry detergent composition, the method comprising incorporating a hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone copolymer into the composition.

Claim 18: (New) A detergent composition is claimed in claim 10 which contains from 1 to 4 wt% of the hydrophobically modified vinyl pyrrolidone polymer.

Claim 19: (New) Additives and composition as claimed in claim 1 with a pH from 7.5 to 10.5.